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Spiritual Altitude

Ps. 91:1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Renovating the kitchen

Intro — A thread-worn text — so familiar as to have lost its lustre.

Intro — The Most High — in the Latin Vulgate is "Altissimus" — He that dwelleth in the highest place, in the place of greatest altitude.

This makes some of us think of mountain-climbing — scaling the heights & getting the perspective views of ~~life~~ — the world. Everest —

But I want you to think this a.m. of moral & spiritual altitudes. What a tremendous advantage a high moral & spiritual altitude gives to a person.

He who takes the highest ~~moral~~ ethical position is always on safe ground.

He who sees how close to the edge of the embankment he can drive is most liable to fall off the side of the road. He who sticks to the middle of the road is safe.

I. Some examples of the principle of high alt.

1. The advice given to a choir by its director — "When you want to reach a high note, do not try to reach up and touch it from below, or you will flat; but go a little higher and attack it from above — then you will reach true pitch.

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2. ~~The French ace (Georges Guynemer) shot down 53 enemy planes in 2 yrs. "When on patrol I saw 2 enemy planes, I did not say, 'How can I get one of them?' but "How can I get both" — He flew above both of them & tackled them from the highest altitude.~~ Aim higher than you can reach

3. Two mosquitoes buzzing around you — no good to get one — get both. If 2 temptations are dogging you — it won't do just to get one — the other may drag you down — get both.

The same with the virtues — ~~you~~ don't be satisfied with just one — cultivate all of them.

3/ II The principle applied –

In school – studies & athletics
Get both – strong sound body
necessary to vigorous mental effort

In college – knowledge & religion
Get both
Intellectuality – Emotions

In business –
Success & honesty – get both.

Social & ethical justice & peace
Get both – there can't be any
peace without justice & any justice
without peace.
Political & economic justice necessary
to the peace & stability of a people –

Capital & labor –
Outer & Inner Religion – Jane Addams –
The example of Jesus – His outer & inner
religion – outwardly at variance with
the religious leaders, inwardly at
peace with God. – he could calmly
& under full self-possession go to his cross.
'He that inhabits the altitudes shall abide
under the shadow of the almighty.'

1. Aim higher than you can reach

2. Rely on Higher Power than your own.

    a- God
    b. Those who are qualified to teach you.
    c. Greatest authority in moral and spiritual matters is Jesus Christ.

3. Bear others in mind. the
    Harmonizing one's voice with other voices.
    Team-work

4. Follow the highest standards.
    a- Like shopping.
    In the long run the best quality of goods is the cheapest.

5. Apply your ethicalstandard to every day procedures.
    Honesty and uprightness, consideration of others, service above self should be practiced in the home, the school, business politics; in all life d relationships and contacts.